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THE SWISS OBSERVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO.

We give below a summary of some of the events which have taken place in the Swiss Colony twenty-two years ago (January to December 1924):

January, 1924: Xmas Tree celebration arranged by the "Eglise Suisse" at Morley Hall, about 100 children are present.

Swiss Mercantile Society, Fancy Dress Ball at the Midland Grand Hotel.

Death is reported of Mr. V. Burkhart, a resident in London for forty years. He was keenly interested and instrumental in the development of the Union Helvetia of which he was a founder.

February, 1924: The Swiss Colony learns of the passing of Mr. George Dimier at the age of 70. He was born on the 2nd February, 1854, at Fleurier, and educated in Geneva. Mr. Dimier came to this country in 1871, as representative of a family concern trading in Swiss watches. In 1901 he became the head of this concern and occupied an important position in the watch trade.

Mr. Dimier took a great interest in the Swiss Colony in London; he was President of the City Swiss Club, President of "Swiss House," President "Swiss Sports," Trustee of the Swiss Mercantile Society, President of the Swiss Benevolent Society, etc., etc.; in all his many offices he displayed great tact and patriotic fervour. Practically all his holidays he spent in Switzerland; he enjoyed the reputation of a keen mountaineer. His benevolence was proverbial.

Dr. Krafft, French Secretary of the Secrétariat des Suisses à l'Etranger, is giving a lecture on the "Auslandsschweizer" Movement under the auspices of the "Nouvelle Société Helvétique." In the chair: Mr. J. Baer, President.

Death occurred of Mr. Charles Haldimann, former treasurer of the "Eglise Suisse" at the early age of 33.

Swiss Y.M.C.A. inauguration of new Club Room at the "Foyer Suisse" under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. Scheuermeier.

50th Jubilee celebration of the "Unione Ticinese" at Monico's Restaurant under the Chairmanship of

Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President: W. Notari.)

Annual Dinner of the Swiss Choral Society at "Swiss Club" Schweizerbund. Principal Guest: Monsieur Henri Martin, Counsellor of Legation. (President: Mr. J. Manzoni.)

Lecture by Dr. Saleeby on "Sunlight and Pure Air" under the auspices of the Swiss Mercantile Society and the Nouvelle Société Helvétique at the Union Helvetia, 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the chair: Mr. G. E. DeBrunner, President of the S.M.S.

March, 1924: Social Gathering at the Hotel Victoria of the "Union Helvetia." Principal Guest: Monsieur J. Borsinger, First Secretary at the Swiss Legation. In the chair: Mr. J. Emmenegger, President.

Departure of Dr. P. Lang, Secretary of the London Group of the Nouvelle Société Helvétique for three years and Editor of the "Swiss Observer."

Unione Ticinese, Annual General Meeting; Mr. W. Notari is re-elected President.

Nouvelle Société Helvétique, Annual General Meeting; Mr. J. Baer is re-elected President.

April, 1924: The death is reported of Mr. Henry Durler, senior partner of Messrs. Henry Durler and Son, Ltd., Luton. He was a most successful business man and a highly respected member of the Swiss Colony.

Mr. O. E. Spencer, at one time Hon. Secretary of the Swiss Mercantile Society and a member of the City Swiss Club, died at Westcliff-on-Sea.

Annual Dinner and Ball of the Swiss Mercantile Society at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, N.W.1. In the chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President: Mr. G. E. DeBrunner.)

Annual General Meeting of the City Swiss Club; Colonel Eug. Borel is elected President.

Annual Dinner of the "Schweizerbund," Swiss Club at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1. Principal Guest: Monsieur Paul Ritter, Attaché of the Swiss Legation. (President: Mr. J. Tresch.)

Opening of the Rifle Range of the Swiss Rifle Association at Hendon in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini and Sir Henry Jack-

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son, the Mayor of Wandsworth and Chairman of the Metropolitan Boroughs Rifle Association. (President: Mr. G. E. DeBrunner.)

May, 1924: Mr. Louis Dupuis, one of the Doyens of the Swiss Colony, died in London at the age of 75.

Dr. Marc Peter, Swiss Minister at Washington, is entertained by the City Swiss Club.

"Ye Olde Members" re-union of the Union Helvetia takes place at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the chair: Mr. F. H. Rohr.

Lecture by Mr. G. P. Gooch, M.A., co-editor of the *Contemporary Review* and late Chairman of the Social and Political Education League, on "The European Situation" at the "Swiss Institute."

Gymnastic Society "Schweizerbund," Gymnastic Display at 74, Charlotte Street, W.1.

June, 1924: Swiss Sports Meeting at Herne Hill Athletic Ground under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ch. Barbezat.

The death is announced of Mr. C. Lorleberg, a director of Messrs. R. W. Greef and Co., Ltd., at the age of 41. He was a keen and able business man, and a member of the City Swiss Club.

Monsieur W. de Bourg takes up his duties at the Swiss Legation; he was formerly First Secretary of Legation in Bucharest.

Monsieur Jaques Dalcroze is giving two lecture-demonstrations at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

July, 1924: Death is reported of Mr. Emil Buser at the age of 66. Mr. Buser spent the best part of his life in England; he was a member of the "Commission économique Suisse" in London, and interested himself in the work carried on by the Swiss Institute, Swiss Mercantile Society and Nouvelle Société Helvétique.

Monsieur C. Rezzonico is appointed "adjoint de l'Attaché Commerciale" at the Swiss Legation in London.

August, 1924: First of August Celebration at Caxton Mall, Westminster, in the presence of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini.

September, 1924: Dr. Ernest Wetter, chief of the "Division du Commerce" of the "Département Fédéral de l'Economie Publique" is the guest of the City Swiss Club at a dinner held at the Brent Bridge Hotel, Hendon.

Death occurred in London of Mr. John Walter Sterchi, Chancellor at the Swiss Legation, at the age of thirty. Mr. Sterchi, who was born in Sumiswald (Ct. Berne) in 1894, was appointed Chancellor of the Swiss Legation in London in 1915, and enjoyed great popularity in the Swiss Colony.

October, 1924: Visit of the well-known *double quartette* "Fidelio" of Zurich; they were entertained by the Swiss Choral Society.

The Swiss Minister, on behalf of the London Colony, presents a large silver cup for competition at the Centenary of the "Tir Fédéral" which is taking place at Aarau.

November, 1924: Lecture at the "Swiss Institute" by Mr. P. M. Short, B.Sc., on "Socialism"; in the chair: Mr. W. Beckmann, President.

Mr. J. R. Goetz died at the age of 81; he was a notable member of the Swiss Colony, and a former President of the City Swiss Club. He took a most active part in all matters of the Colony.

Mr. Th. Schaerer, who for the last four years had been working in connection with one of the leading

architects in the City, starts business on his own account as architect and surveyor at 11, Dacre Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

Union Helvetia, Annual Banquet and Ball at 1, Gerrard Place, W.1. In the chair: Monsieur C. R. Paravicini, Swiss Minister. (President: Mr. P. Lehrian.)


City Swiss Club, Annual Banquet and Ball at the Hotel Victoria, under the Presidency of the Swiss Minister, Monsieur C. R. Paravicini. (President: Colonel Borel.)

December, 1924: Exhibition of Swiss coloured prints at the Gallery of the Alpine Club, 23, Saville Row, W.1. Exhibits are shown of the period between 1770 and 1820, representing works by Alberli, Freudenberg, Koenig, Lorg, Sprunglin and other famous painters of this time.

HOME SPUN YARN.

Im Hüttenbuche.— Einer Klubhütte des Bündnerlandes fand sich folgender Eintrag: "Jean Rieser, Négociant, Zürich." Darunter stand, von fremder Hand geschrieben:

"Jean heisst der Kerl statt Johann,
Négociant statt Kaufmann —
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Noch 'Zürich' schreiben kann."



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